



944-001.131  
Serial Number 10/797,635

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: **Ridge et al.**

Attorney Docket: **944-001.131**

Serial No.: **10/797,635**

Group Art Unit: **2621**

Filed: **March 9, 2004**

Examiner: **Christopher G. Findley**

For: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MOTION ESTIMATION IN SCALABLE VIDEO EDITING**

Mailstop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION (Paper No. 20080104)**

Sir:

This responds to the final office action, mailed January 8, 2008.

In the patent application, claims 3-17, 20-23, 25 and 27-30 are pending. In the office action, all pending claims are rejected.

At section 5, claims 3-7, 9-17, 20-23, 25 and 27-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Koto et al.* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0215014 A1, hereafter referred to as *Koto*), in view of *Kato et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,151,360, hereafter referred to as *Kato*). The Examiner cites *Kato* for disclosing using the sum of absolute values of inter-picture residues in picture analysis.

-----  
**\*\*\*If any fee and/or extension is required in addition to any enclosed herewith, please charge Account No. 23-0442.**

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a))**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being:

**MAILING**

- ☒ Deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

**FACSIMILE**

- ☐ Transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Date: March 11, 2008

Marie E. Forte  
Signature  
Marie E. Forte  
(type or print name of person certifying)